

CHALFANT/TRI-VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE



7:00 PM Tuesday, May 29, 2007

Chalfant Community Center

(REMINDER, next community visioning meeting will be June 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.)

REVISED AGENDA, PLEASE NOTE ITEM 4. a. BELOW!

1. Call to order and introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Supervisor Hap Hazard
 - a. General update of Mono County activities.
4. New Business
 - a. **Improvements and maintenance at Chalfant Park, Kelly Garcia, Assistant Director, Mono County Public Works**
 - b. Discussion of RPAC structure and bylaws: Marshall Rudolph
 - c. Discussion of changing dates and/or times of RPAC meetings
 - d. Visioning process in Chalfant, update on the process and overview of the 1st meeting held : Hap Hazard & Greg Newbry
5. Old Business:
 - a. Windmill project on Blind Springs Hill, update and status
 - b. Review RPAC member list for accuracy and potential changes.
 - i. Please add/confirm email addresses
 - c. Update on projects in area
6. Set date and agenda for next meeting
7. Adjourn

Minutes RPAC Meeting 1/18/07

Hap Hazard and Greg Newbry present to conduct meeting. **Emergency Services Update** presented by **Rick Scholl**, Mono County Sheriff: A **Reverse 911- Code Red** system has been **implemented** 1/18/07 in Mono County. This is to broadcast information/instructions/other necessary data to the citizens of Mono County in the event of an emergency or other event. The county will be able to dial one number and call anywhere from one number to all the homes in Mono county or it can target certain areas, sections or even one street. It will only call published/unlisted numbers right now. **If you have an unlisted number** please contact the Mono County Sheriff office to have your number included. You can also have your cell numbers and work numbers included in the call list. Call 760-932-7549 or www.monosheriff.org. Remember you need to be able to access a phone in an emergency so a **non-electric phone** is a must! Also KMMT has an emergency broadcast system and the Bishop radio stations will start doing Mono County emergency broadcasts as well.

Phone issues for Mono county government. County government phone numbers are terribly inaccurate in the phone books, exp. Verizon. A flyer will be coming out in hard copy and email with corrections. **The county now has a toll free number for accessing county offices (866) 745- 9719.** '07.**New Business RPAC Meeting Changes** Hap Hazard requested that the **day of the week** for the RPAC be changed as it is difficult to attend, especially in the winter because the Board of Supervisors meeting is also on Tuesday and usually in Bridgeport. The **first Wednesday** of the month was suggested but more input is requested from all. Meeting probably needs to be **monthly** because of all of the community planning issues and general plan change recommendations. RPAC purposes and procedures summary was handed out at this meeting detailing vision, goal, structure.

Power Corridor The scoping has been complete. Mono Co. submitted comments. The **EIR (environmental impact report)** **should be released for public comment mid-May**. See Greg for handout and email address of the web page. You can put your name on an **email notice list**.

Chalfant School issues Jim Holland, interim superintendent of Eastern Sierra Unified School District was present. He indicated that the process to get the Chalfant School going appears to have been dropped last year but he will get this going again and work first on the land acquisition issues. Bond funds and other money have been set aside but no property has been purchased yet. A K-12 is the ultimate goal. **Various sites** were discussed with a site on DWP land closer to Hi-6 and Chalfant road appearing to be the preferred location, off Mary Road but not behind the houses on BLM land is the second site. The original site on the west side of Hwy 6 is not useable because of flood and other issues. ESUSD will work with the visioning group regarding school siting and opportunities.

CAL TRANS Presentation Forest Beckett, Community Planner There needs to be planning for this area with community input on where the community wants to go e.g. school, walking access, accessing the highway and BLM land and services. Cal Trans has offered to be more involved in this planning because land use and traffic planning interface and they want to look at **innovative strategies for building a community in Chalfant**. Cal Trans is interested in looking at the community as whole instead of just Hwy 6. **This process will allow residents to determine how they want their community to be rather than letting someone else determine it for the community.** This is a blank slate. In concert with Mono County, Cal Trans has hired a company MIG to facilitate this discussion and planning process **to make a Community Plan**. This will only be as good as the participation by the community. We also get to set up our own ground rules and process as this is the first time Cal Trans has done this. This will allow us to update the General Plan, public works update, traffic patterns, signage flood plan issues, night sky ordinance and land tenure/swaps issues. MIG will come out and look at Chalfant and the surrounding area and do some stake holder interviews before the process starts.

Access issues for the highway related to where the development is and will be in accordance with this new visioning process is an opportunity to help development in a better way as a community and how it impacts infrastructure, pedestrians and community value. **Plans that are currently conceptual can now be grounded in reality by having citizen input.** This could also be an exercise for the BLM land tenure project.

Hap gave an example of considerations and visioning. Scattered and sporadic development sites that are far from Chalfant proper versus bringing residents and development back into the community (maybe by using land swaps or other devices) which may make the community stronger and more integrated. For example, can the fire department adequately respond to both incidents on Mountain View Street as well as to a home 10 miles away from the mercantile? Twenty years from now population density will be different than from today so the issue is do we decide this now or do we let it evolve over use and time and maybe not have the ability to fix the problems it brings down the road. Also it takes government years to finish a plan e.g. the 4 lane project between Kern, Inyo and Mono counties-started in the 90's with a completion date of 2012 or 2013. **We want to plan today else we will be behind the curve in the future.** This is a unique opportunity for the Chalfant community so all should participate and give input.

General Cal Trans Updates and question and answer period A **chain up area** will be going in just before the grade in Benton. **Deer crossing signs** have been approved for the area near Laws. Discussions re: "double yellow on **county line hill**" and speed limits thru Chalfant what goes into getting the road changes. Hap and Forest stated that we need to let Cal Trans know of our concerns and that there is a new team on board who may look at these issues differently than in the past as well as the fact that traffic has changed.

The **White Mountain estates EIR** recommends a turn out line if the second phase is WME is approved. Also a right deceleration lane is recommended but not a left or center turn lane. When the **public comment period comes out** be sure and comment on these issues. Look for the notice in the paper.

Minutes submitted, Roberta C. Lagomarsini, acting Secretary, Chalfant RPAC (thanks Roberta!, Greg)